

1 JULY 1995 MEETING, SEWARDS RESTURANT, VVA, CHAPTER 1

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:22 PM.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING WERE READ AND APPROVED AS READ.  
TREASURERS REPORT WAS READ AND APPROVED. WE HAVE A BALANCE  
OF \$665.61 AS OF THIS DATE.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT WAS READ.

COLOR GUARD REPORT WAS GIVEN BY BILL HIGGINS. HE REMINDED US  
OF THE AUGUST 13 DATE AT BENNINGTON BATTLE DAYS. IT WAS  
SUGGESTED THAT WE HAVE THE MEMORIAL IN THE PARADE. BETH AND  
KYM WILL HAUL IT IN KYMS TRUCK WITH BILL HIGGINS ABOARD WITH  
FLAGS.

IT WAS REPORTED THAT TOM REARDON WILL HEAD UP THE COMMITTEE  
FOR HONOR THE VET PROGRAM. STEVE FAYE WILL CHECK WITH IRA  
REGARDING THE SIGNS.

WE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN BERNIE SANDERS THANKING  
US FOR OUR SUPPORT OF HIS WORKSHOP FOR VETERANS.

WE WERE REMINDED THE VIGIL FOR POW/MIA IS STILL ONGOING IN  
FAIRHAVEN ON THURSDAY EVENINGS.

BETH HIGGINS GAVE HER REPORT ON THE NEWSLETTER. SHE STATED  
WE NEED TO GET OUT AND SELL ADS FOR THE PAPER SO IT WILL BE A  
SELF SUSTAINING ENDEAVOR. WE ALSO NEED MORE ARTICLES AND THE  
DEADLINE FOR MONTHLY SUBMISSION TO HER WILL HAVE TO BE THE  
10TH OF THE MONTH WITH A SMALL CONSIDERATION FOR OFFICERS  
THEY MAY SUBMIT UP UNTIL THE 12TH. BETH REQUESTED WE PAY  
\$37.60 FOR POSTAGE, SO MOVED AND APPROVED.

BETH ALSO REPORTED THAT CERTIFICATES WERE GIVEN TO OUR  
PRESIDENT FOR SIGNATURE ALONG WITH OUR VP AND WOULD BE MAILED  
TO THE RECIPIENTS MINUS FRAMES WHICH ARE TOO EXPENSIVE.

BETH RENDERED HER REPORT ON PURCHASING ITEMS TO RESELL AT THE  
COMMON MARKET, IE, PINS, PATCHES, CAPS, ETC.

INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT WE ARE INVITED TO A PICNIC  
AT EMERALD LAKE ON SATURDAY 29 JULY FROM 1100 UNTIL- THE  
PICNIC IS BEING SPONSORED BY CHAPTER 601, BENNINGTON.

THE ALLEY PROJECT NEEDS SANDWICH SIGN BOARDS - THAT IS WE  
NEED TO MAKE THEM, SO WE ARE MEETING A THE COBBLERS COOP ON  
WED AND THURSDAY OF NEXT WEEK TO MAKE UP AND LETTER 4 TO 6  
SIGNS.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING, JON  
PINETELLO MOVED WE ADJOURN, SECONDED BY DICK DOYLE. SO MOVED.  
MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:20 PM.

FOLLOWING THE MEETING KATHY BRUCE, OF SEWARDS PULLED THE  
TICKET FOR THE 50/50. THE WINNER WAS GREG PARKER OF RUTLAND.  
THE AMOUNT OF THE POT WAS \$405.00.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

KYM HOERR

*Approved 5 Aug 95  
Beth moved - Bill 2<sup>d</sup>*

5 AUGUST 1995 MEETING, SEWARDS RESTURANT, VVA, CHAPTER 1

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:45 PM.

BILL PICKNELL OF ROCHESTER WAS INTRODUCED AS A NEW MEMBER OF THIS CHAPTER.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING WERE READ AND APPROVED.

TREASURERS REPORT WAS READ BY KYM HOERR - WE HAVE A BALANCE OF \$1068.15. REPORT WAS APPROVED AS READ.

DUES PAYMENT OF \$20.00 FOR CLARK HOWLAND WAS GIVEN TO JOHN BERGERON IN THE ABSENCE OF OUR TREASURER.

BETH HIGGINS GAVE HER REPORT OF THE NEWSLETTER AND REITERATED THE NEED FOR US TO SELL MORE ADS, SHE ALSO NEEDS ARTICLES AND SHE REMINDED US OF THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS THE 10TH OF THE MONTH. STEVE FAYE IS TO WRITE AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE PICNIC AT EMERALD LAKE BY THE BENNINGTON CHAPTER FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

DICK DOYLE GAVE HIS REPORT ON THE MEMBERSHIP AND ANNOUNCED WE HAVE FOUR NEW MEMBERS.

BILL HIGGINS ANNOUNCED THE COLOR GUARD WOULD BE PARTICIPATING AT THE BENNINGTON PARADE. WE ARE TO MEET AT 1115 AT BURGER KING PARKING LOT IN BENNINGTON. WE ARE TO BE IN PLACE BY 1130 AND STEP OFF AT 1230. BILL HIGGINS, STEVE FAYE, DICK DOYLE, PAPPY, JON PINETELLO, AND JOHN BERGERON.

ALSO ON SUNDAY 20 AUGUST THE COLOR GUARD WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE WW11 CELEBRATION IN BRATTLEBORO.

PURCHASING REPORT GIVEN BY BETH HIGGINS INCLUDED THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PLACEMENT OF AN ORDER FOR MORE PINS, ETC. WE HAVE NEW THINGS TO SELL AT THE CENTER STREET ALLEY COMMON MARKET.

THE HONOR THE VET PROGRAM REPORTED THAT BENNINGTON AND CHESTER WERE RECRUITING MERCHANTS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. OUR PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THE DODGE DEVELOPMENT HAD GOTTEN A GRANT PREVIOUSLY OF \$15,000. AND NOW ONE FOR \$70,000. THREE VETS ARE LIVING THERE AT PRESENT AND WITH THE NEW GRANTS THEY WILL BE ABLE TO GO FORWARD THE THE RENOVATIONS TO MAKE MORE ROOMS AND CLASSROOMS.

A REPORT ON THE BILL GRANT MEMORIAL FUND INFORMED US OF THE NEED OF THE FAMILY OF MONEY TO ASSIST IN DEFRAYING FUNERAL COSTS. BETH MADE A MOTION TO SEND \$150.00 FOR THAT PURPOSE, 2D BY STEVE. APPROVED.

THE ISSUE OF FINDING THE ADDRESSES OF THE BANDS THAT HELPED US TO RAISE MONEY WAS BROUGHT UP. WE NEED THESE ADDRESSES TO BE ABLE TO SEND THEM OUR CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION.

THE MEMORIAL AT THE CARVING STUDIO WAS DISCUSSED, SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO FINISH IT IN AN EFFORT TO HAVE IT COMPLETED BY NEXT MEMORIAL DAY.

THE REPORT ON THE COMMON MARKET OF LAST MONTH WAS A BUST BECAUSE OF THE SIDEWALK SALES IN RUTLAND. WE NEED TO PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR SO AS TO HAVE BETTER SIGNAGE/PUBLICITY TO GET THE PEOPLE DOWN THE ALLEY OR WE GET UP ON THE STREET. THERE WILL BE A MEETING AT JOHNS STORE ON THURSDAY THE 17TH TO DISCUSS IT AND ALSO TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILTY OF A TABLE AT THE MALL DURING XMAS.

AT ONE TIME THE VVA CHAPTER 1 HAD A SCHOLARSHIP FUND. WE



DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILTY OF REINSTITUTION IT WHEN WE HAVE A MORE LUCRITIVE "KITTY". JOE WILL PERFORM THE DUTIES AS CHAIRMAN FOR SCHOLARSHIP AND WILL REPORT BACK AT THE NEXT MEETING ON HOW WE SHOULD PROCEED.

THE NEED TO CONSIDER A PARTY AT THE END OF THE YEAR WAS DISCUSSED.

JOHN SHOWED US A SCULPTURE WHICH WAS DONATED TO US BY PAT AND SUSAN FARROW.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT SEWARDS RESTURANT ON 2 SEPT AT 5PM.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY KYM, SECONDED BY BETH, PASSED.

MONEY AND TICKETS FROM THE 50/50 WAS COLLECTED AND THE WINNER FOR THIS DRAWING WAS NANCY YELLEN OR ORWELL. KYM HOERR HAD SOLD HER THE WINNING CHANCE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY KYM HOERR, SECRETARY.

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED/

New Business

Motion was made by Dick Doyle to pay our annual dues to the  
Vets Council of Rutland, Second-Steve Faye  
No discussion  
Motion Passed

Beth Higgins Place Raffle tickets in newsletter

Dick Doyle- discussion on Vietnam War Veterans Data Base

Nominations For State Council Delegates -Two

Steve Faye nom. Dick Doyle, second by John Pintello-carried  
Bill Higgins nom. John Pintello-2nd Dick Doyle carried  
John Pintello Nom. John Berengeron as alternate, 2nd. Steve Faye-carried

Bill Higgins-Motion to adjourn, 2nd Steve Faye

Meeting adjourned 9:05 PM

Minutes of meeting -Nov. 2, 1995

7:15 mtg. called to order by Pres. John Bergeron

Treasure report= John Pintello-\$1182.95

Committee Reports:

Newsletter--Beth Higgins

Need Ads.

-Pres. suggests newsletter be published every other month

Discussion followed and the newsletter will be published each month.

Bulk mailing and rates will be investigated by John Bergeron  
and report findings at next mtg.

Deadline for newsletter will be on the 10th of each month

Color Guard--John Bergeron

veets. Day services on Nov. 11, 1995 at the American Legion Post 31

Rutland. Be there by 1030 AM

Those that can make it will attend the dedication ceremonies in Bridgewater.

We will leave right after the American Legion

Tom Reardon is new member

-Honor the Veteran Program

change of decal discussed, tabled

more members coming on board

Membership--Dick Doyle

Two new Members

79 members to date

suggested putting membership aps in next newsletter

Old Business

Marble at carving studio in West Rut. should be brought inside

Andy Moschetto will contact Mike Winslow to see that it is done

John Minor from the State Vets Council spoke to the chapter

drafted by-laws, should be adopted by June 1996

delegates should be elected at this meeting

VVa #1 will get two delegates

Steve Faye spoke on his trip to Washington D.C.

Reported on innerworking of National

Next National Mtg. on Jan. 1996 to be held in San Juan PR

Vt. State Council will be approved at this meeting

Chapter #1 welcomed with open arms and well received

Meeting times--discussion, will try Thurs for now. Future mtgs,

Dec. 7, 1995

Jan. 4, 1996

both meetings will be held at Seward's

Explore grant money

Raffles

Randolph Monument tabled



12/7/95

VVA#1 Monthly Meeting

11 members present

1 guest

Meeting called to order at 6:15 PM at Swards Dairy conference room.

CLARK HOWLAND was presented with the "Ethan Allen" award by the Pres. Photographs were taken for posterity.

Last meetings minutes were read by Sec. Motion made and passed to accept.

John Bergeron made the treasurers report as follows: Beginning balance \$857.81, ending balance was \$805.99. Product sales was \$125.00 and \$25.00 was spent on postage. ~~Steve Faye~~ <sup>STATE COUNCIL</sup> is to be re-imbursed for expenses incurred on Washington trip by the State Council.

State Council meeting was announced to be on Dec. 16, 95 at 1:00PM at Swards Dairy.

Chapter 601 Pres. John Minor spoke on various issues.

Press release on Bosnia was read by Sec. Barnes and it was made clear that VVA#1 supports our troops 110%.

The possible sale of the vets home was discussed.

A letter from the Mass. State Council was presented and read to all.

Membership committee report was read by Dick Doyle.

Mass. State council has invited VVA#1 to send representatives as possible candidates for service officers. Cost is \$100.00 per person. We have one man in Bennington interested----class begins Feb. 5th-9th, 96. They need a letter of commitment. J. Minor will update us ASAP.

Dick Doyle has stated he has VVA goods that he got from past Pres. Mark Truhan. He will bring them to this meeting and we will discuss what is to be done with those materials.

Newsletter postage and production costs were \$21.00 for 100 copies. Alternatives to publishing our newsletter were discussed and J. Bergeron will provide details at next meeting. (January 4, 1996) Editing of the newsletter articles was discussed. On follow up, our editor stated that "LETTERS TO THE EDITOR" will be printed in their entirety if no foul language is used. Please use some degree of decorum.

Our piece of marble will remain outside in W. Rutland.

Sec. Barnes made presentation on programs he is attempting to present in our local schools. Also presented facts about radio broadcasts. He also asked for some financial assistance and was refused. Told there wasn't a forum.

Fundraising was briefly touched on and will be discussed further. New member Dave Petty gave some guidelines on things like rip-off tickets. Other ideas --- road races --- car shows sponsorships etc.

For the good of the order, PEACE.

Next monthly meeting was announce to be on Jan. 4, 1996.

Kym Hoerr motioned to adjourn, seconded by Faye, adjourned at 7:58 PM.